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RIPPLES

By Captain A. C. Townsend

"WHY don't one of you boys tell a story once in a while?"

The Old Timer glared around the circle of collectors gathered in his library for their semi monthly enjoyment, twisted his mustache ferociously, and went on.

"You come in here yowling like a bunch of tomcats for me to tell stories, till you have me all wore out. Don't any of you ever find anything worth talking about?"

Peters spoke up with a little hesitation. "I have something in my pocket I take a little pride in having dug up," he said.

"Good!" roared the Old Timer. "I'm glad to see one of you with a little gumption. Let's see it."

Peters fished out an envelope and produced from it an old Civil War photograph, which he handed to the Old Timer.

"I got that in a little town down state last summer," he said. "I was driving through and saw a nice old lady sitting in the shade in front of a house, got up my nerve and went in and tackled her for old letters. She didn't have any.

"Then I asked for old legal papers with revenue stamps on, and she didn't have any of them either. Then I thought of the old photograph albums, spoke of the stamps on the backs of the pictures, and asked if she had such an album.

"She had one. She took me into the house and I had a great time hauling those pictures out to look at the backs. I got some 2c Playing Cards and Proprietary, both blue, and a couple of 3c Telegraph, and then I struck this picture almost the last one. Luckily it was someone she didn't even remember, so she was willing to let me have the picture and all."

The picture went round the circle and the stamp was duly admired. Finally it came back to the Old Timer. "Funny the government is so dumb sometimes," he said. "They went to all the trouble and expense of engraving plates for the different kinds of revenue stamps, and then proceeded to use them in any old way. The 1c Express was used on telegrams, the 5c Playing Cards on legal documents, the one dollar Probate of Will on insurance policies, and so on."

He stopped and grinned. "Beverly King once told me that the biggest block of 5c Playing Cards he ever saw he got from a Minister, and the old gentleman was so horrified he was glad to get rid of them, document and all!"

He took another look at the photograph. "Of course you boys all know that the stamps were only put on these small size pictures, about the size of an old fashioned visiting card? Why, I don't know, but I've never seen one on a cabinet sized photo."

He handed the picture back to the owner and asked casually, "Was the old lady living in the town where that picture was taken?"

"Yes, I remember she told me it was taken by the old village photographer, dead years ago. "Why?"

"And what did you do?" the Old Timer asked.

"Me? I wiped off the sweat of honest toil, paid the old lady for the stamps, and pulled ahead on my vacation trip, feeling I had done something rather smart."

Charlie Myers rose cautiously to his feet and sidled towards the door. In passing one of the boys he leaned over and said in a piercing whisper, "You fellows will excuse me if I unostentatiously disappear, I am sure. I have never seen a man beaten to death with a cat o' nine tails, but I've heard of it, and I don't care to see it."

"You sit down, Charlie!" roared the Old Timer. "If it was one of you other fellows I'd take pleasure in flicking a few yards of skin off you, but Peters is a new man here and hasn't had the chances you fellows have wasted to learn something and then put it in practice. I'm just goin' to tell him a story that popped into my mind."

Myers dropped back into his chair with a grin, his purpose accomplished. The Old Timer twisted his mustache in thought for a moment, and then launched into his tale.

Ever throw a stone in a pond (he asked) and then watch the ripples spread out all over the pond? Of course you all have, and it's wonderful to see how far those ripples go before dying out. That's what Fred ought to have done, only he didn't have the experience.

One of the nicest lots of stamps I ever saw scraped up was gotten in just that way by my friend Paulson. He had grub staked a fellow to go to some old towns down state and hunt for stamps—paying his expenses and giving him a fair profit on any stamps he found, you know.

The fellow rooted around a couple of weeks without much luck, and then he dug up a one dollar green and black revenue, the 1871 issue, on the original document and with the head inverted. Pretty scarce stamp, listing at a thousand dollars. He bought it along with some others as a regular, and was so tickled he hustled back home to Paulson with it.

It didn't suit Paulson. For one thing, he is always willing to pay fair prices whether a fellow knows the value of his stamps or not, and in the second place inverted heads don't grow singly; there must have been a sheet of them. The deed the stamp was on had been recorded at the county court house, where the stamp was most probably bought.

Paulson did some heavy thinking. "Was there a newspaper in that town? Weekly? Fine!" Paulson hops the train and goes down there. He sees the fellow that sold the stamp, explained that it turned out to be an

inverted head on close examination, and gave him a check that had the fellow tickled to death. Then Paulson asked if he would mind a little article in the local paper about it, and the fellow not only doesn't object, but takes him and introduces him to the editor.

Mr. Editor was quite astonished at the value of an old stamp and said he'd be glad to print an item about it. So Paulson explained that there might be others to be found and offered to write the story, which the editor was glad to have him do. So he wrote it, making it mighty clear that there had been 50 of those stamps and some other people might have a copy. Then he added that there were a lot more old stamps that had value, and wound up saying he would be at the local hotel all day Saturday next week, ready to buy anything people would hunt up in the meantime.

Then he wrote out and paid for an ad saying the same thing about his buying, so the editor would be sure to put in the story, and lit out for home. Drove back there the next Friday, and the next day he told me he never had more fun in his life.

Said before he got through his 7 o'clock breakfast there was a bunch of kids waiting with all sorts of junk to sell him, as well as a few pretty good stamps, and before he got through with them a farmer had turned up with a dollar revenue green on a document. It wasn't the inverted head, but he couldn't see the difference because of that. He went off in a huff thinking Paulson was a liar, because he wouldn't pay a big price for it.

By 9 o'clock there were so many people there Paulson had to go up to his room and have 'em sent in one at a time, and so it went for hours. And did he clean up! Folks had read the article and gone hunting for those revenues. Two of 'em actually did each bring in a correct copy, and Paulson said it was funny to see the first fellow.

He waited till the money was counted out and handed to him, and then he shoved it in his pocket and wiped his face. "I thought it was some sort of a fake," he said. "So does Maw yet. You don't know what this means to us right now, Mister. Gosh! how near I come to burning up that old deed last year. We were cleaning up and I started to burn it, but Maw made me put it away again. I'm on my way to tell her, Mister. Goodbye, and thanks again."

Paulson lit out for home that night with his car half full of stuff he had bought—stampless covers, early U. S., revenues, Civil War covers, and a little of most everything, and he made some mighty handsome profits after sorting it.

And that stone he threw in the water sent out ripples that lasted six months. The paper there printed another article about the event, and more people who didn't believe it the first time hunted up stuff and sent him, and some of 'em wrote to their old family homes and got more for him, and so on and on.

"Now don't you feel bad about it, Fred," he concluded. "You did a darn fine piece of digging, sticking to your old lady till you got your stamp, but just keep that yarn in mind for another time."

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Czech Chain Breaker Variety

By Don Houseworth

"I'm going to give up collecting," remarked Sam Smith the other night. "I'm the kind of fellow who likes to specialize but in times like these I can't afford to pay the price put upon the varieties I would like to have."

"That's too bad," replied Wilson, his dealer friend, "but there is no need for you giving up your hobby. It is unfortunate that you selected the stamps that are the most popular in this country and therefore command the best prices. It is up to you to transfer your affections to the stamps of some country that is not considered a leader in the world market."

"But foreign printers don't seem to make mistakes," protested Smith. "When they turn out errors they're worth thousands of dollars. And I do like to get hold of those things that are a little different."

"Bosh!" exclaimed Wilson. "I could run through my stock and find more errors on European stamps in fifteen minutes than you could shake a stick at. I don't even bother to sort 'em out because there aren't enough specialists to take 'em off my hands. Some of those Central European countries will give you a run for your money if you want to specialize. Look here, Smith."

The dealer emptied an envelope of 40-haleru Czechoslovakian stamps upon the counter and immediately pulled two copies to one side.

"These two look pretty much alike —color, design, no watermark. It's the chain breaker of the 1920 issue. One of them is a major variety. Compare the sprigs of linden leaves at the left of the numeral of value. Do you see that white dot on the lower stamp? There's a reason why it's there. This series of stamps was produced by the photo-engraving process in which the original drawing of the design was reduced and reproduced by photography. This one chain breaker sketch served for several values but the original drawing included the figure 30. In order to save time and money this sketch was photographed time after time but in each instance a black square bearing different numerals was placed over the original figure 30.

"The error occurred when someone was careless and permitted the black square bearing the figure 40 to slip to one side far enough to permit the tail of the 3 of 30 to show. Here is a 30-haleru stamp and from the position of the 3 you can see just how this happened.

"Apparently the 40-haleru stamp with the extra dot was run off first and then the design was corrected. However, the variety is quite common and you are likely to pick it out of a small packet. The possibilities of building a fine specialized collection of comparatively cheap stamps is too great for you to abandon your hobby because you are cramped for funds at the moment. Place your present collection aside if you must but never give up stamp collecting because it is too expensive."

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Several letters have arrived in response to my request that collectors who are willing to handle naval covers for inland colleagues, write me. All of those listed here will take care of your covers as per information given after their names:

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Sol Whitman, 1816 White Plains Ave., Van Nest, Bronx, New York. Mr. Whitman writes that he will mail fleet review day covers from as many ships as it is physically possible for him to get on during the day and that covers left otherwise will be mailed from ships in Brooklyn Navy Yard. He will not personally sponsor any cachets, but if any are used in his district he will, of course, mail them on those days. Remember him with commemorative stamps on wrappers.

John C. Gillespie, 3630 Greystone avenue, New York City, N. Y. Mr. Gillespie is USCS member No. 284, and will hold and mail your covers as you desire. He will cover ships in and around New York.

I would like to hear from other cooperators in Boston, Washington, Philadelphia, Charleston, and elsewhere along the coast where the ships will be maneuvering or anchored from time to time.

Constellation Cachet

Send not more than three covers to Wesley B. Hayward, 1405 Industrial Trust Bldg., Providence, R. I., for cachet by Constellation Chapter No. 12, USCS, when the fleet visits Newport. P. J. Ickeringill, so well known to naval fans, sends me the information.

Cachet from Hawaii

A beautiful cachet, wholly in the spirit of the dreamy islands whence it originates, will be applied to covers on June 11, by Matt Murphey, navy mail clerk, U. S. S. Breese, care postmaster, Pearl Harbor, T. H. This will be the occasion of Kamehameha Day. Matt writes me that this is the chief legal holiday of the islands and location of the Breese will appear in the killer bars. It requires at least two weeks for mail to reach Pearl Harbor, so get your covers off early enough.

Gold Star Accommodates

One ship in the Asiatic squadron that is always dependable for a nice, clear cancel is the U. S. S. Gold Star. The navy mail clerk, Paul Olsen, is a fine chap who knows the foibles of collectors and never seems to tire of trying to satisfy them. Send him a few covers and you will get back some nice cancels provided you do not request everything on the ship.

Antares Base Ship

J. E. Bortmas, navy mail clerk, U. S. S. Antares, writes that his ship is now base vessel for the Second Battalion, U. S. Marine Corps, based on Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "Bort" hopes to be in the fleet review at New York May 31. Send him a few covers, care postmaster, New York City, and he will cancel them clearly for you.

Brooks Cancels

Several interesting historical days occur during the month of May and many of these will be commemorated with suitable cancels from the U. S. S. Brooks. This is the ship where collectors have such a friend in Charles C. Olasky, so send him a few covers, care postmaster, San Diego, Calif., and he will give you nice cancels.

U. S. S. San Francisco

I am told this ship will make a South American cruise and that the navy mail clerk will hold covers and cancel en route and at Latin-American ports. Send him some covers, care postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

How To Get Cancels

So many inquiries have reached me as to how to collect naval cancels that the following is in order for newcomers to the hobby: Prepare your covers just as though you were going to cover an event in the United States. Use only U. S. postage, regardless of where the ship may be stationed, for all ships are branches of the New York postoffice and cancel ONLY the postage stamps of this country. Ships in Shanghai, Manila or Cuba use U. S. postage. I cannot make this too plain, for 80 per cent of more than 400 letters of inquiry received indicate the writers believe foreign stamps ought to go on covers mailed from the ships in foreign ports. The 3-cent first class postage rate prevails, even if the ship is in China. So, address your covers to yourself, stamp them with United States postage, place them in a larger envelope and send them, fully prepaid. to the navy mail clerk of the vessel you choose, care the postmaster, as follows: If ships are in Atlantic waters, care the New York City postmaster; if in the Asiatic fleet, care postmaster, Seattle, Wash. If in doubt about any ship's address, send your packet care the New York postmaster and it will reach its destination.

We Thank You

For news and covers thanks are due Charles Olasky, D. C. Bartley, P. J. Ickeringill, Joseph Josselyn, R. A. Newcomb, J. E. Bortmas, J. V. Terrio, Matt Murphey, Paul Olsen, M. B. Owens, Donald A. Schramm, C. Wright Richell and John C. Gillespie.

Santiago Cachet

Camille Lacombe, 1800 W. Fayette St., Syracuse, N. Y., will cachet covers on June 3 in commemoration of the Santiago, Cuba, blockade in 1898. Covers must be in Lacombe's hands by May 15. These covers will be cancelled on the U. S. S. Brooks, but only those sent to Lacombe will receive the cachet. It depicts the harbor, two flag shields, and the words "Santiago, Cuba, June 3, 1898." The description reads "U. S. S. Merrimac sunk at entrance to harbor by Lieut. Hobson, U. S. Navy, and 8 volunteers, to prevent escape of Spanish fleet." Commemoratives on wrappers and forwarding postage (if more than one cover is sent) appreciated.

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The Par-Kan Philatelic Club of Parsons, Kansas, will hold its final meeting of this season on May 8th, at which meeting there will be an auction. Miss Mary Leonard, 2630 Clark St., is the secretary and will be glad to hear from interested collectors in the vicinity.

The first annual meeting of the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs was held at Phoenix on the 15th April. Next year's meet will be at Prescott. This group is represented by clubs in several cities and Philatelic activity in Arizona has been benefitted by the Federation of State Clubs. Collectors who would be interested in joining in the work of these clubs should contact E. A. Norton, 414 S. 3rd Ave., Tucson, Arizona, for further information.

The first annual exhibit of the Austin Philatelic Club of Chicago, Ill., was quite a success. More than 125 frames of stamps were on display and such able men as J. M. Westphal of Joliet, Judge Walter Meyer of Chicago and M. H. Specht, acted as judges and had a difficult time of choosing the winners. The grand award was given to S. S. Storm. Judge Walter Meyer was the guest speaker at a banquet and dance held on April 18 at which time the awards were made to the winners in the Exhibition. Dr. Haldor Carlson made the presentations. William Hoffman acted as Toastmaster at the banquet and his remarks kept the attendants in a happy mood throughout the evening.

There is to be a National Junior Stamp Exhibition which will be sponsored by Stamps Jr., an International Junior Stamp Society. The work necessary to the success of this exhibition will be handled by Mr. Frank L. Wilson of New York and Maurice Sugarman of Brooklyn, both active in the field of Junior Philately. This exhibition is open to all Junior Stamp Clubs in the United States and Canada. Clubs interested in this National Exhibition should get complete information at once in order that they may be eligible to participate. For complete information address Frank L. Wilson, c/o Stamps Jr., 100 Sixth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The Des Moines Philatelic Society of Des Moines, Iowa, was organized April 13 with thirty-one members present. Meetings are to be held monthly, the next meeting is for May 11th. Collectors in the vicinity can get complete information by addressing Kurt J. Herzer, 4215 Northwest Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Insurance City Precancel Stamp Club of Hartford, Conn., celebrated its first anniversary on May 4th. The club started a year ago with 15 members and now boasts more than double that number. A great interest in Precancels has grown up in Hartford as a result of the activities of this club. Collectors who would be interested are urged to address Stephen A. Butryman, Secretary, 3 Arlington Street, Hartford, Conn.

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221	.46	336	.95	436	.90	498	.03	562	.25	598	.03
222	.48	338	.90	441	.05	499	.03	563	.23	599	.03
225	.45	343	.10	447	.57	501	.10	564	.15	600	.06
227	1.95	344	.15	452	.05	513	.30	565	.20	602	.07
229	4.75	345	.50	453a	.24	516	.45	566	.22	603	.14
252	.80	346	.60	458	.30	518	1.40	567	.32	604	.07
256	1.10	347	.70	463	.06	523	8.00	568	.50	605	.03
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« Editorials »

RETAIL STAMP DEALING Such is the title of a new 40 page booklet by H. E. Harris & Co., of Boston. While it has never been the policy of Linn's Weekly Stamp News to encourage the collector to become a stamp dealer, we do feel that those who are contemplating entering the stamp trade as well as all who are actively engaged in stamp dealing, will find this booklet of inestimable value.

It is chock full of valuable information based on the experience of one of the most active and important stamp houses in America. The experience and information which they have gained through years of effort and at great expense is offered in this booklet for the benefit of the stamp dealer.

Among other items in the booklet we note a correction of the circulation figures of our publication and an apology for the error printed in a previous booklet.

While this inaccurate statement in a former booklet has doubtless been harmful to our publication, we have been satisfied to await the correction which has now been made by the Harris Company and we are confident that our publication has always been able to speak for itself when dealers are inclined to give it a fair test alongside other publications.

A LETTER FROM THE A. P. S. Perhaps many of our readers have noted the advertisement on this page for the American Philatelic Society. We are just in receipt of a letter with change of copy which starts in this issue and we want to quote this letter: "Please change the copy of the ad appearing in LINN'S as follows effective immediately:—(COPY OF AD, see same in next column) I am getting excellent results from the ad in your paper. Yours very truly, Carl O. Selander."

Many similar letters reach our office. While the Editor has been a member of the A. P. S. for many years, in fact his membership number is now among the couple hundred oldest members of this Association, it has been our policy to point out from time to time, things which we believe should and could be done to improve the Society and to give its membership a greater share in its activities. At the same time we have never failed to recommend the Society to every real active stamp collector as being the one organization through which he could best do his bit for stamp collecting in general.

While we have long been dissatisfied with the inactivity of the Society, there is always hope that it may someday rise up and take the place which it should occupy as the leading spirit in Philatelic Activity in America.

Probably this is not practical under its present plan of organization and operation. Such being the case, it should be revamped, a serious effort made to make it what it should be and the activity of new memberships can best produce this situation.

We have always strongly objected to the plan which has been in effect for so long, to frame the annual election. We believe political activity in the society would be beneficial. We believe that anything which will draw and hold the interest of the individual member, give him an opportunity to participate in the activities of the society will be beneficial. However all this is up to the individual members and so long as they let the officers do it all and without protest on their part there can be little hope for improvement.

DEALERS SHOULD STOCK SUPPLIES To those who did not read the article in last week's issue which was titled "Chicago's Leading Stamp Store", we want to suggest that you look it up and read it with this thought in mind. The greatest factor behind the success of this venture has been due to the fact that Mr. Whitebrough has made it his business to stock a complete line of Philatelic Supplies and Accessories for the collector. The dealer who believes that he can do business and hold his trade by offering stamps alone is only fooling himself, no one else.

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Speaking of real collections, Mr. E. E. Parker has a real reason for elaation. Only one old type is missing and only 30 or 35 of the new types as shown in the catalog. And he hasn't lost interest. Is more alert if anything and has a mighty fine collection of pairs and blocks.

We have often said that Buro Prints belonged in any collection of United States stamps and now offer proof. Mr. Fred A. Hawkins, Newark, Ohio, collects coil pairs. In this collection is one of each denomination and style Buro in line pairs. An interesting collection sideline for any U. S. specialist.

Mr. Adolf Gunesch in his Buro News shows a nice table of values and quantities of the total catalog. There are 2671 listed with a total value of $1,106.90, of which amount the Experimentals take up about half the value. So it is not only interesting, but low price collecting. For this reason it will pay us all to be condition cranks, and be sure to have the best available copy, the cost being so small.

The Coming A. P. S. Convention

The Committee on Arrangements of the Atlantic City Stamp Club, A. P. S. Chapter 105, is very busy these days preparing for the forthcoming convention of the A. P. S. The Committee consists of William Jordan, Jr., Chairman, Edmund B. Hannum, Walter J. Molyneaux, Dr. S. T. Percival, Albert Schwarz, and L. M. Seely of the local club and Alfred B. Levy, Percival Parrish, Richard Peters, Jr., and C. Brinkley Turner of the Philadelphia Club.

A design for the poster stamp has been completed and has been highly commended. The stamps will probably be printed in four colors and will be issued shortly. Keep your eyes open for further announcements.

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605	.15	615	.30	627	.08
607	.04	616	.04	631	.05
608	.03	617	.03	632	.20
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The first flight from Blantyre to Salisbury, connecting with the Imperial Airways line, was made by Nyasaland & Rhodesia Airways, on March 8th, returning the next day. Less than 3700 covers were carried to Salisbury, and perhaps 750 on the return flight, and the Blantyre covers bear a large rectangular cachet in black worded "First Flight/Regular Air Mail Service/Nyasaland-Southern Rhodesia". Robertson Stamp Co. kindly furnished this information.

Air Mail Contracts

The Army is still carrying the air mail (Apr. 25th) although bids have been taken on all of the routes, mentioned last week. When any letting of contracts will be made or service commenced seems still uncertain due to pending legislation.

Mexico Service

The Lineas Aeras Occidentales route from Los Angeles to Mexico City has already been extended to Tapachula and La Paz. First Flight covers from Los Angeles on March 14th will likely be scarce as it is reported that only 2 lbs. 8 oz. or approximately 125 covers were carried, bearing black cachet on face and large Mexican cachet in purple on reverse.

Macon Changes

About July 1st Herbert V. Wiley, will be given command of the U. S. S. Macon relieving Commander A. H. Dresel, who will take charge of Moffett Field Base, and it is also stated that Chas. E. Rosendahl, will be given command of Lakehurst Base.

Apr. 20th, the dirigible left Moffett Field, and the Aiglon Society, mailed covers from Alameda, bearing fine printed map cachet in green and same from Moffett Field in red, both bearing Oakland-Alameda cachet on reverse; also fine printed cachet on covers from San Jose, Cal., same day, wishing ship "Bon Voyage and Safe Return." Francis H. James also sends one for same event from Moffett Field, bearing stamp that the ship left for Miami and Fleet Maneuvers, at 9:37 that day.

Williams Trans-Atlantics

Roger Q. Williams Bureau announces that the veteran will carry covers when he takes off for Rome, Italy, about July 17th. In view of his former successful flight, no doubt many collectors will be glad of this information. Address the Bureau at 252 Washington St., Newark, N. J.

Historical and Other Cachets

Kentucky Dedications

The following Kentucky cities have airports constructed under CWA, viz: Mayfield, Murray, Paducah, Owensboro, Madisonville, Russellville, Bowling Green, Cave City, Glasgow, Monticello, Danville, Lebanon, Jackson, Beattyville, Louisa, Williamsburg and Middleboro; and it is planned to have a group of planes visit each of these towns and dedicate these fields one after the other, and if this plan is carried out we may this summer have a nice list of covers from them. Readers should write me early of any cachets to be provided.

Brookhaven cachets, will sponsor cachet for 100th Anniversary of Death of LaFayette on May 20th. Covers may be sent to O. R. Watts, and if you want them mailed with LaFayette postmark, send extra postage.

Aiglon on April 14th sponsored nice printed cachet for the Record of the 94th, the "Hat in the Ring" squadron, of which Capt. Rickenbacker was a member, and which brought down 69 planes and balloons between April 14th and Nov. 10th.

There will be a cachet for the 250th Anniversary of the city of Perth Amboy, N. J. Send covers to Murray Hart, 305 Market St., before June 1st.

Chas. Knowlton writes me that Oroville, Calif., Chamber of Commerce tells him that there will be no airport dedication there before late fall, so do not send any more covers to them.

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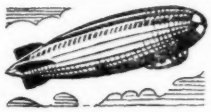

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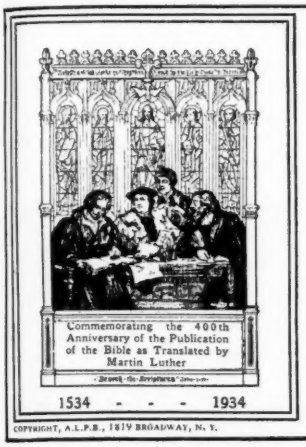
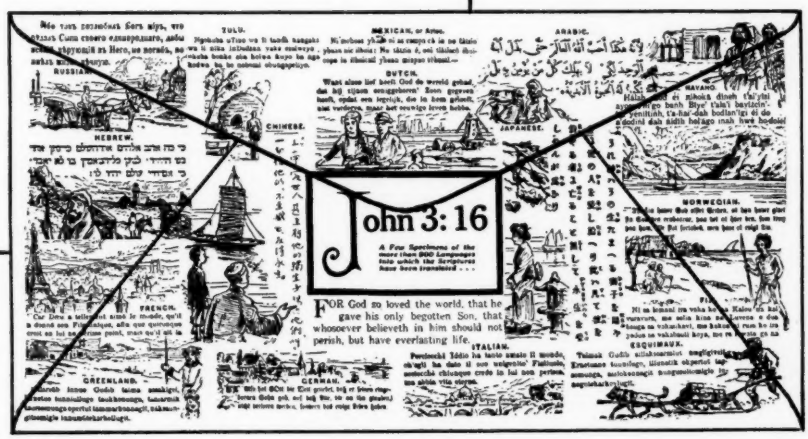


The cachet on the address side has an excellent reproduction of Martin Luther and his co-laborers, seated around the table translating the Holy Scriptures from Latin, Hebrew and Greek into German, the common language of his people. The reverse side of the cover portrays the leading scripture verse of the Bible in some of the more than 900 languages in which the Bible has been translated since the days of Luther.



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Collectors Forum

Mr. Geo. W. Linn, April 11th, 1934
Linn's Weekly Stamp News,
Columbus, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Linn:

Have been reading philatelic publications more or less for forty years, and I find there is a tendency to publish criticism pro or con on the business policy of any government in their Post Office Department in the matter of issuing of stamps.

There certainly has developed many opinions as just what a Government should issue and what not to issue, also much fault is forthcoming in any design produced. It would not be human nature for all of us to agree on any policy no matter what policy a Government should adopt in the issuing of its postage, likewise no engraving of a stamp, or the subject selected will appeal to all of us alike. Would it not be better therefore to use a little more constructive expression rather than condemn one's own Government for issuing an imperforate stamp without consulting the New Jersey Federation.

Let us assume that the Post Office Department at Washington did issue the Byrd imperforate through the solicitations of Mr. Pollack and the New York American, and that collectors knew nothing about it, what was the result?

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George Bramann of Niagara Falls, N. Y., tells of a novel use for Playing Card Stamps. He refers to a certain type of slot machine which has five wheels on which are pictured various playing cards. The wheels are spun and the machine pays on the basis of poker hands which turn up on the five exposed cards.

Mr. Bramann states that these machines carry a playing card stamp attached to a small card on the face of the machine, which explains how you can get peanuts for a penny but that you should not put in any coin over a quarter.

This is apparently a new type of machine with playing cards on it for the Editor has slipped hundreds of pennies in the slot machines which have playing cards on them and has never yet noticed a playing card stamp on any such machine.

Probably to get one of these stamps which could probably be identified by the cancellation, we will have to collect them on cover.

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Collectors should not overlook the fact that a block of four Mother's Day Stamps will carry a Special Delivery Letter to Mother, even though it is mailed on Sunday, in all instances where Mother lives in the same town as you live in. Otherwise you have to add an extra cent stamp to make the 13c rate for out of town delivery. Let all collectors therefore plan to have a Special Delivery letter delivered to their Mother on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th. This date should show the biggest volume of business that the Special Delivery Branch of the Postoffice has ever known and besides making Mother happy it will make thousands of the Special Delivery Messengers happy, too.

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Send all information regarding new issues direct to the editor of this Department, address below. Stamps submitted for examination and listing will be returned promptly.

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AUSTRIA—New Values. A new set of Austrian stamps is being printed in consequence of the decision to raise the cost of letter postage and postcards abroad. New values are 10gr., for printed matter; 35gr., for postcards; and 60gr., for letters.

(Philatelic Magazine)

BELGIUM—The date on Scott's No. 240 has again been changed, this time to 1934:

A63—10c. on 40c. red violet

(Gibbons' Supplement)

A special stamp will be issued this year in connection with the birth centenary of Pierre Benoit. It will show the features of this Flemish writer.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

BERMUDA—A new and very distinct color has appeared on the 1½p. Ship type (Scott's A11), and probably will receive separate catalog listing. This new color is best described as TERRA COTTA.

(R. Roberts)

DENMARK—Mr. R. Roberts advises us that he has received the new values heralded in our notes of April 7th, line engraved, perf. 13. From his data, we are of the opinion that they are somewhat different from Scott's type A31, as previously noted. However as soon as we receive copies, or see them illustrated, we will so note it here.

DUTCH INDIES—We learn that a series of postage stamps in new designs has been issued and comprises the following values: 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 30, 32½, 35, 40, 42½, 50, 60, 80 cents; 1gld., 1.75gld., and 2.50gld. The first value to arrive in England is the 12½c. and is more or less a re-issue of Scott's type A16, being perf. 11½x12, instead of 12½.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

EGYPT—The 4m. value, Scott's type A36, has been re-issued again in the green color, but much deeper than before. This time it is a DEEP MYRTLE GREEN.

(R. Roberts)

HUNGARY—A special 20 filler value stamp will be issued in connection with the Philatelic Exhibition at Budapest May 1st, being held in commemoration of the Jubilee of the First Hungarian Stamp Collectors Society. It will be available only to visitors to the exhibition, the entrance fee being 70 filler, thereby making the stamp cost 90 filler.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

RUSSIA—The Fedorow Commemoratives announced in our issue of April 7th have appeared. Transverse rectangular format, recess printed, unwmk., perf. 13½:

20k. carmine
40k. slate blue

(R. Roberts)

The Jubilee Airmails announced in the same issue, have also been received. Perf. 13½. Sets issued on both wmk. and unwmk. paper. 5k. ultramarine; 10k. green; 20k. carmine; 50k. slate blue; 80k. violet.

(Gibbons' Supplement)

A special series of postage stamps has been issued in honor of the world-famous chemist, Dmitri Mendelcev, author of the Table of the Periodic System of Chemical Elements. This year is the centenary of his birth.

(Philatelic Magazine)

Late Plate Numbers

Maryland Stamp

Following is list of plate numbers used for printing of the Maryland Stamp: 21188, 21189, 21190, 21191, 21196, 21197, 21198, 21199.

Mother's Day Stamp

Plate numbers for the Mother's Day stamp, thus far to press are: Flat Plate Print 21202, 21203, 21204, 21205. Rotary Press Print 21210, 21211.

Stamps from both printing are now on sale at the Agency and it is likely that most cities will receive but one type of stamp. The reason for the two different printings was that a sufficient quantity of the stamps might be rushed through in time for distribution for first day sale on May 3, all over the country.

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Precancels

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest on all Precancels, other than Buro Prints, should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

K. M. GIERHART, BALTIMORE, OHIO

In regards to last week's comments on the fake precancels a few tangent remarks on the angle of cancelled precancels should be a little farther delved into. In the case of the ones I mentioned they were out and out fakes and one could plainly see that the precancel was placed over the regular postal cancel. A lot of these no doubt were picked because the cancellation was very light, and with the idea it might be overlooked or attributed to smear etc. But I think I should say here, lest some beginner take from my remarks that ALL precancels that have additional postal cancellation on them are fakes, something about a ruling the post office department has made and which quite a few concerns have taken advantage of. This is it: Precancels may be used on first class mail, but the clerks that handle this type of mail are instructed to further post cancel it. So there you have the reason why you see many legitimate types with the post cancellation on them. A close examination will reveal whether the precancel has been placed on the stamp first or over the post cancellation. These precancels that are legitimately used are perfectly collectible, but many collectors deem the added cancellation as a defect and desist collecting them or if they are purchasing same demand a large discount if in that condition. To boil the above down in the simplest of words: If the post cancellation is under the precancel it is a fake, but if the post cancellation is over the precancel it undoubtedly is O. K.

Well the castle I had built over finding the datings on the Tampa, Fla. U-12 has bursted and fallen. At least tho I have the proof of the cause for my illusions. From Mr. J. J. Coakley of Tampa I have seen a block of four of the same stamps as my single and containing the dated overprints but they look a whole lot different than on my single. Right behind this came a letter from L. K. Stam enclosing similar blocks and the explanation for the dates. It seems that at the Tampa office they were using these 30c dues as vouchers for a large amount of returned parcel post packages, and as these were retained right in the office there was nothing to prevent the clerks from using the same stamps over again. So they began using a plain rubber handstamp dater over the precancellation. So there you have the story of the Tampa dated precancels. The peculiar thing about the single I first glimpsed was the intense black of the numbers and that it should come right in a break in the plate, just as if the plate had been cut away especially to accommodate these numbers.

Is my face red, or was it, when I read in the BEE about the first Maryland Terc. precancel from Bloomfield, N. J. in U-121 reading down. For over two years the readers of LINN'S have supplied me with first hand information about the many and new commemoratives that appeared, but this time they just didn't seem to click. I don't think some of you who read and enjoy my homely remarks appreciate the effort your brother collector has expended to help me make this column what it is. We are again faced with another new commemorative, the MOTHER'S DAY stamp, and I predict quite a lot of interest in this stamp. So send in the first one you get, it will be returned to you by return mail. After all tho I was not left down completely for I have two Marylands to mention this week. The first came from R. L. Corsand of Kokomo, Ind., from the home town in a rubber handstamp type something similar to U-55 but with lines. The stamp read down. Next one came from H. Kamerer of Ravenna, Ohio, from the home town also, and in U-120 down.

A mourning stamp has been issued in Belgium in memory of the late King Albert.

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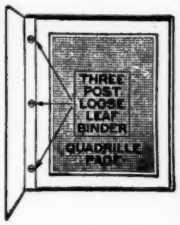

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A prompt shortage, in this country, of the new Philippine Championship Games Issue developed immediately after issue. Only 10,000 sets were sent to Washington from the Islands and these were exhausted at once. This issue was printed in the Islands and will prove attractive and popular. Evidently, in shipping to the U. S. the sheets were packed between leaves of a poor grade of oil paper as copies seen have been badly oil stained. This is, however, easily removed by a five minute bath in carbon tetrachloride without noticeably affecting the color. One unusual feature of this set is the absence of plate numbers on the sheets of 35 (5x7). There are no straight edges on these stamps.

There is no royal road to watermark detecting on U. S. Stamps. Many have written regarding the difficulty they have in discovering or distinguishing the often faint and seldom centered watermarks on United States stamps. The necessary accessories are a good detector and fluid and, this is always a help, a good imagination. Most of the double line watermarks are comparatively easy to see as they are large and fairly well impressed. The main difficulty lies in seeing the single line watermarks of the 1914 to 1917 issues. Frequently this smaller watermark appears only partly on the stamp and then but dimly. These watermarks are best seen at the moment of immersion in the detecting fluid because right at that instant the slightly thinner portions of the stamp where the watermark is impressed seem to absorb the fluid more quickly than the remaining portions. However, individuals will have trouble with this no matter what happens and constant practice is the most effective help.

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